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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Sumakeris et al.  
Serial No.: 10/046,346  
Filed: October 26, 2001  
For: MINIMIZING DEGRADATION OF SiC  
BIPOLAR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

Group Art Unit 2811      **MAY 12 2004**  
Examiner: Gene M. Munson

May 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time to file a response in the above-referenced application. The \$420 large entity fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(2) is being paid by credit card transaction and a Credit Card Payment Form is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0332.

Respectfully submitted,

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